

REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-11 and 14-20, drawn to a device and method for sterilizing objects, without traverse.

Non-elected claims 12 and 13 are amended and are retained in the application. It is believed that, upon allowance of claim 1, claims 12 and 13 can be also allowed, because they now depend from claim 1.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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